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Philadelphia, 11/23 1891
8 P.M.

My dear Sam.

I am writing from Media with Mamma and your Aunts Miranda and Edith sitting opposite. So I have been able to remain so little at the office of late, and am so much engaged while there that I now bring some of my work out here. I beg'd you just as I left the office this evg that I shall not leave here until 10 P.M. so that you might write me in case you have anything important to say.

Domestic matters are in the usual of late good shape, your aunt Lizzie being the only one below par and she the Dr. says is better and will soon be down stairs but I don't think his opinion is worth much. Mamma is safely up and Sim is in charge at Old Farm. Frank's baby was baptized yesty (the 38th Anniversary of our marriage) and fully maintained his reputation as "the best baby that ever was". The weather was mild and threatening rain which came during the night and today has been heavy with the tail end of a cyclone mentioned in the evening papers from which I enclose extracts. Mary has just come in with her writing and all wish to send love to you.

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they say that they will all think of you on Thanksgiving Day and wish you were here and Mamma adds that she will see that you have a letter describing the family gathering which is to take place at Godfrey Dale.

Both Mamma and I have lately had full letters from John who is in grand good spirits about his work and says that he is feeling better than he has done for a long time.

I have letters to day from both George and Mrs. Neal at Tombstone, Mrs. N. and Mary having gone down there to spend the winter. All Staunton is doing good work - our net profit in Oct. was beyond $25.000. notwithstanding the disgustingly low price of Silver. 94 to 95.

I have been at Atsecon considerable of my time lately, both helping in completing Mamma's improvements there and in arranging to get the Meadow Bank matter clear. The Water Co. have gotten into a snarl with the Atsecon town council by crossing one of their canals, one of the town roads without consent of Council. My Counsel tells me that I need not fear any steps by the Water Co. against us until the Legislature meets and then they will attempt some legislation giving them additional powers, to go across us. This is what decided me to make a business trip to "The Coast" as the N. J. Legislature does not meet until 12th Jany '92. and I now expect to reach S. F. as I mailed you and go from there to Tombstone about 21st of December.

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I guess I will call that enough of family news and take up yr letters of 8th & 12th which I have with me. The published list of "Delinquents" came in next mail. I doubt if there will be many if any shares sold. I already advised you to draw at sight on me at 220 South 4th for any money you want for such purchases or for purchases at private sale at rates you may deem wise and I can will pay d/s. You can use No. 69 as you propose, or when you need it, at any time after Dec. 1st for reasons I already wrote you. I have sent to the Bank of California sufficient funds to a little more than cover all the checks I have given you, but I do not wish to have them used until you need the funds, and then please report the use of each check to me. I presume that you will come out to meet me, and if you can settle up on the 10th of December and meet me in good time afterwards, if the "going and coming" in your region is anything like decent. — I trust that Revile will get all your freight in before transportation closes, as he promised you.

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Mr. Burnham spent a couple of hours with me Saty aft. last and I read to him all your letters to date. We do not wish to begin making advances as before without the request of the Board to do so; neither do we wish, nor does it seem practicable, to have another assessment levied before the time we had agreed upon; and I sincerely hope that both of these resorts can be avoided even if it involves the stopping of work either before the end of the fiscal year (May 31st) or two or three intermediate months. and that suggests the query. How would it do to shut down during the intermediate, harvest winter months? Or would it be best to reduce the expenses and do less work than now but still keep some going on, so as to make the funds now in hand last until the 1st of June. We must not run ourselves aground again, and no one has more emphatic than Mr Merrill in this respect. If sufficient funds must be retained to sustain the organization expenses until the next annual meeting. Perhaps a 3 mos shut down of the greater part of the work may be necessary.

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should not write of this so specifically now but
let it rest until I see you, only that I thought
you might wish to "make a draft" at the end of
this month, before you come out from the mines,
if you knew how we feel about the matter.
The letter of 12th presents the financial aspect
so differently from that of 5th.

In reading over what you say about that 10,000
shares, possibly your suggestion about carrying
it into the 130 thousand shares, where it properly
belongs, might be carried out yet. And also per-
haps it would be better not to agree to buy any-
other stock than that which may possibly be used
for now payment of assessment until we can
talk it over as that will be such a short time.

The foregoing is, I have no doubt, a little in-
courageous. For I have not been wholly able to shut
out of the conversation going on around me,
but you will, I think, gather my meaning.

Trusting that I shall see you within four
about 3 weeks. I am ever your affectionate father

Wm. W. Cheyney

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